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THE TIGER-EATER

and The bear comes to dinner



TWO FOLKTALES FROM PUNJAB

There are many who love to tell a story and many more who love to listen to one. And each time a story is retold, it acquires a new colour and a fresh dimension.

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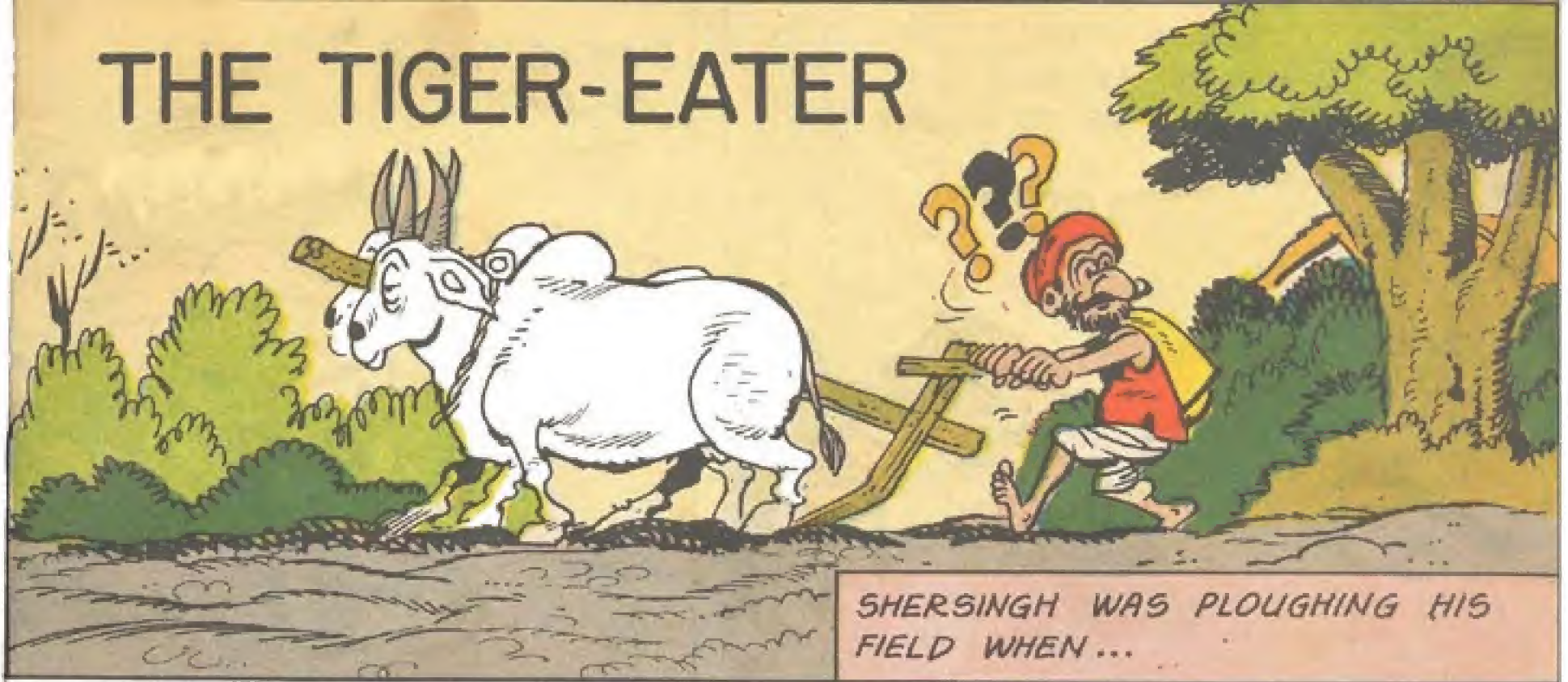
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THE TIGER-EATER



... A TIGER QUIETLY WALKED UP TO HIM.

GOOD MORNING, FRIEND.
HAVE YOU HAD YOUR
BREAKFAST?

Y...ES!

THEN I WILL
HAVE MINE.

PLEASE UNYOKE
THOSE BULLOCKS.

NO!
NO!

YOU CAN'T
EAT MY
BULLOCKS!

AND WHY
NOT?

YOU'VE HAD A GOOD
BREAKFAST, AND YOU
EXPECT ME TO STARVE!

UNYOKE THOSE
BULLOCKS!

I MUST SAVE MY
BULLOCKS AT
ANY COST!

MY LORD! SPARE
THE BULLOCKS.
YOU CAN HAVE
THE COW MY WIFE
LOOKS AFTER.

OH, WELL. ONE ANIMAL
IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER.
ALL RIGHT, I'LL SETTLE
FOR THE COW.

BUT DON'T
TRY ANY
TRICKS.

I WOULDN'T DARE,
MY LORD. I'LL SEND
MY WIFE WITH
THE COW.

WHEN SHERSINGH REACHED HOME —



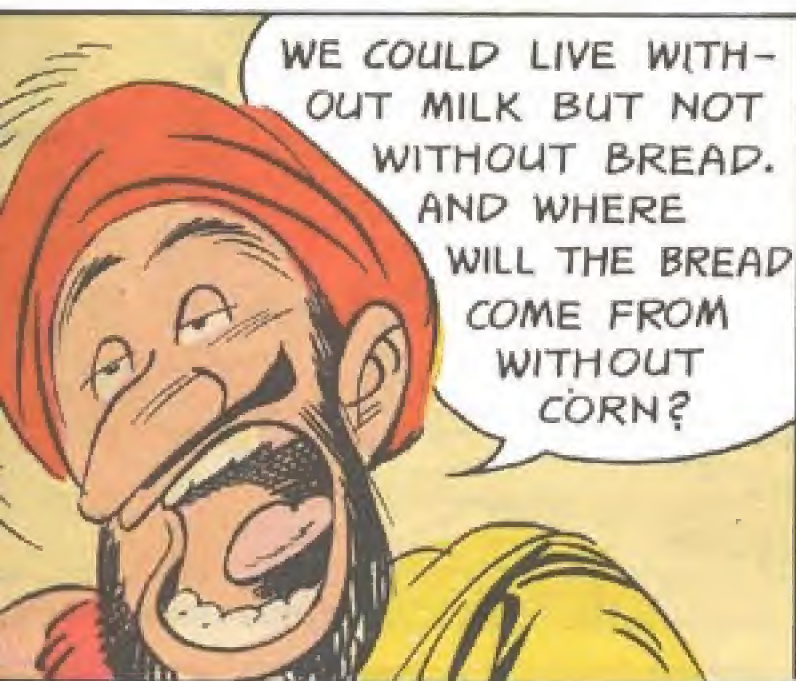
IS THAT YOU?

YES! WE'RE IN TROUBLE! REAL TROUBLE!

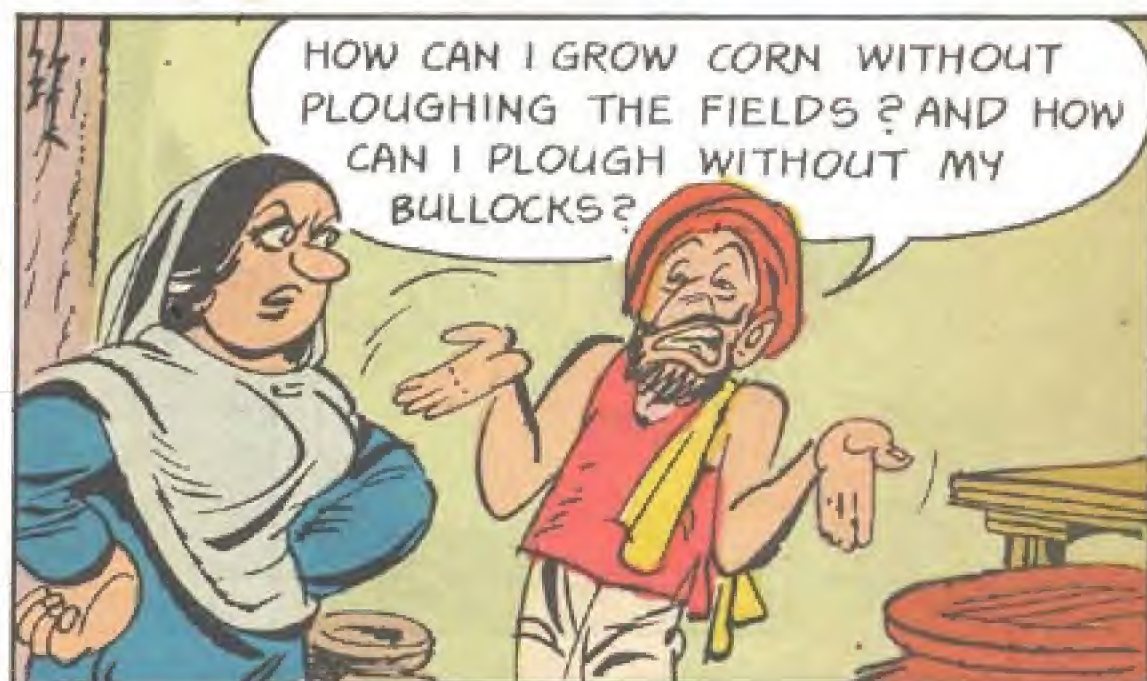
WHEN SHERSINGH TOLD HER ALL ABOUT THE TIGER —



AND YOU WANT TO SAVE YOUR BULLOCKS AT THE COST OF MY COW!



WE COULD LIVE WITHOUT MILK BUT NOT WITHOUT BREAD. AND WHERE WILL THE BREAD COME FROM WITHOUT CORN?



HOW CAN I GROW CORN WITHOUT PLOUGHING THE FIELDS? AND HOW CAN I PLOUGH WITHOUT MY BULLOCKS?



YOU SEE I HAVE REASONED IT OUT AND...

YET COULDN'T OUTSMART A STUPID TIGER.



YOU NEED A BRAIN FOR THAT.



FORTUNATELY FOR SHER-
SINGH HIS WIFE DID TURN
UP—BUT DRESSED AS A
MAN, AND BRANDISHING
A SICKLE!

I HOPE I

FIND A TIGER
TODAY TOO!

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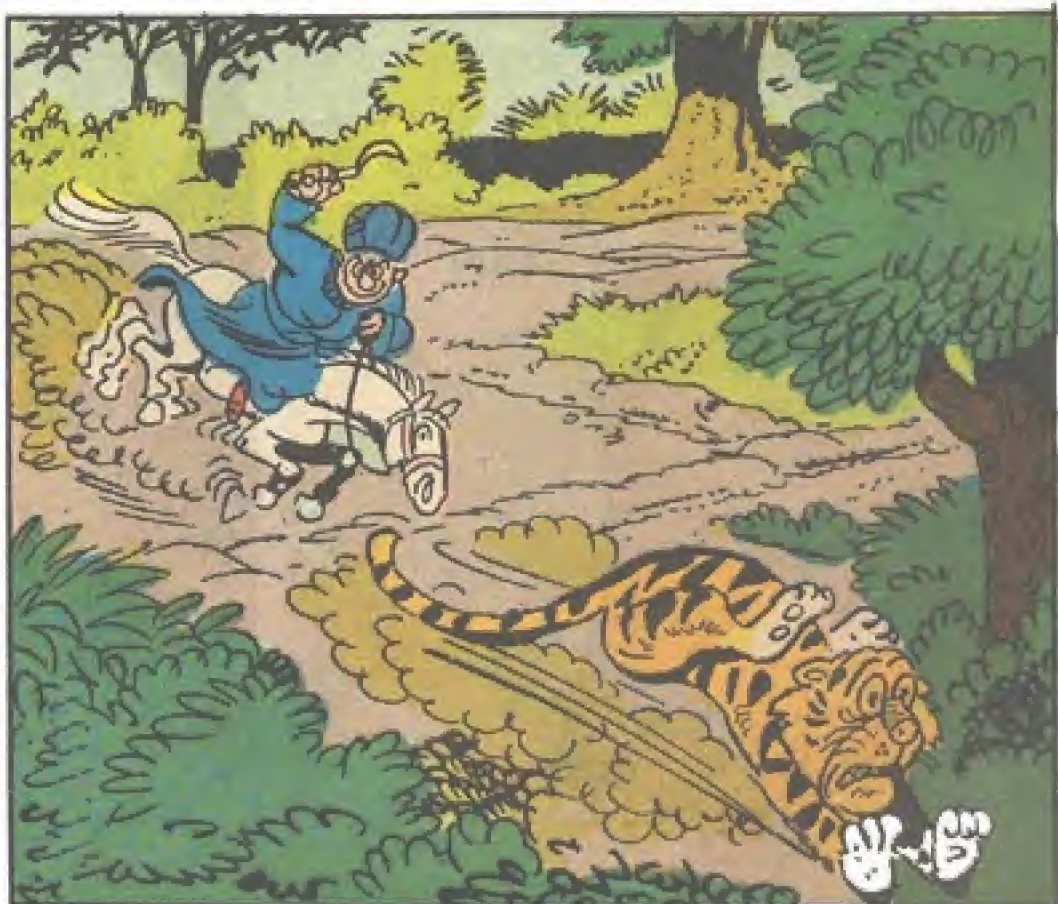
MM...THE TIGER I HAD FOR
BREAKFAST YESTERDAY
WAS SO TASTY!

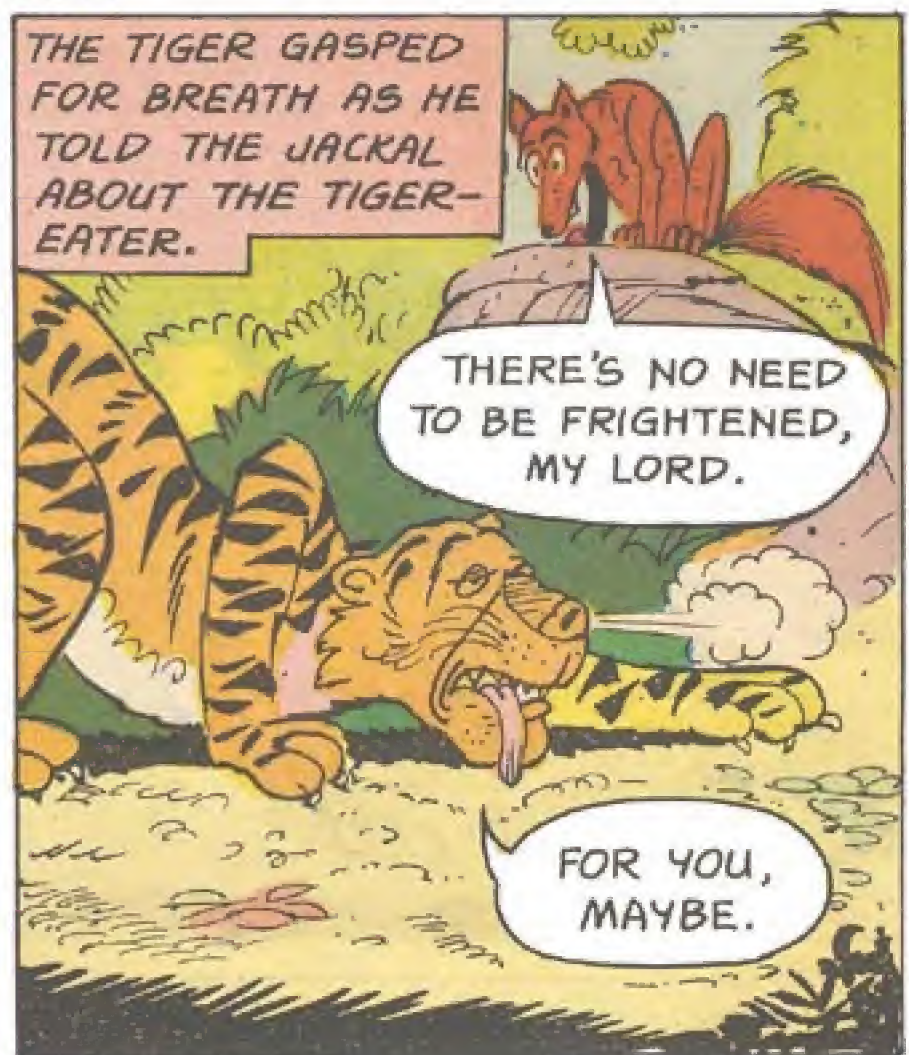
WHAT!

AH! I'M LUCKY!
A TIGER!

NO!

HELP!







THE TIGER AGREED. WITH THEIR TAILS TIED TOGETHER THE TWO SET OFF.



MEANWHILE AT THE FIELD —

HA HA! EVERY TIME I THINK OF THAT STUPID ANIMAL I FEEL LIKE LAUGHING.



HO...AH...AH...

NOW WHAT'S THE MATTER?



THE TIGER! THE TIGER IS BACK! LET'S RUN AWAY!



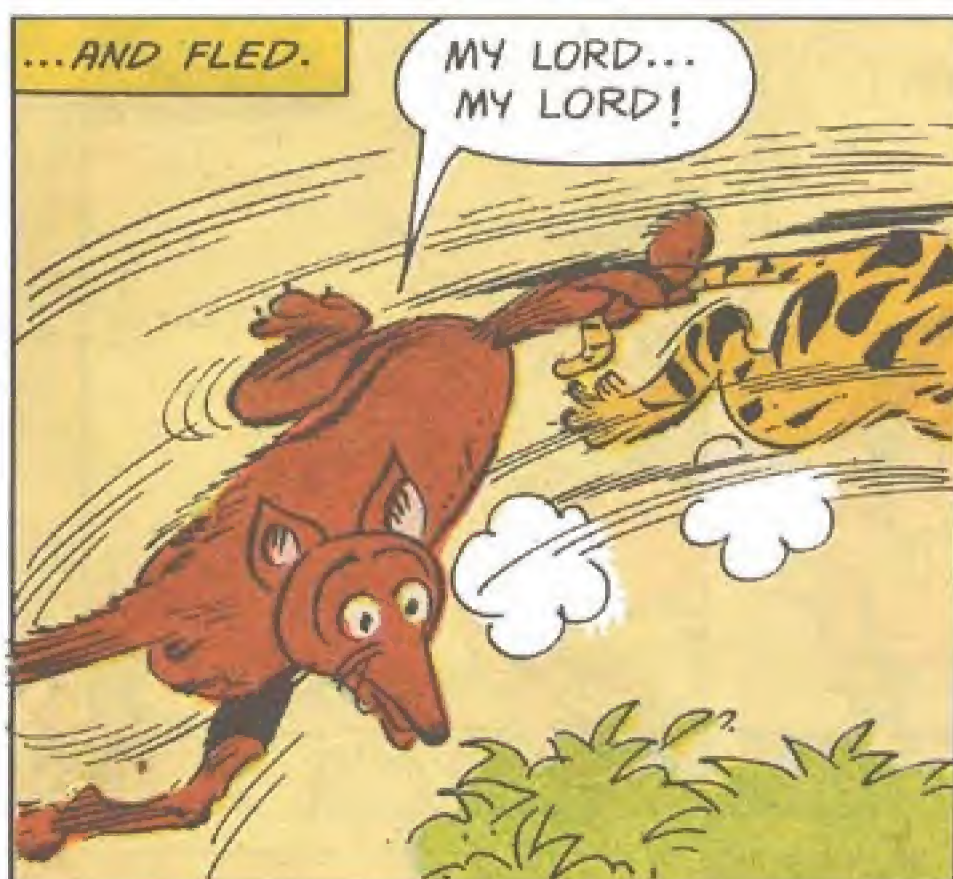
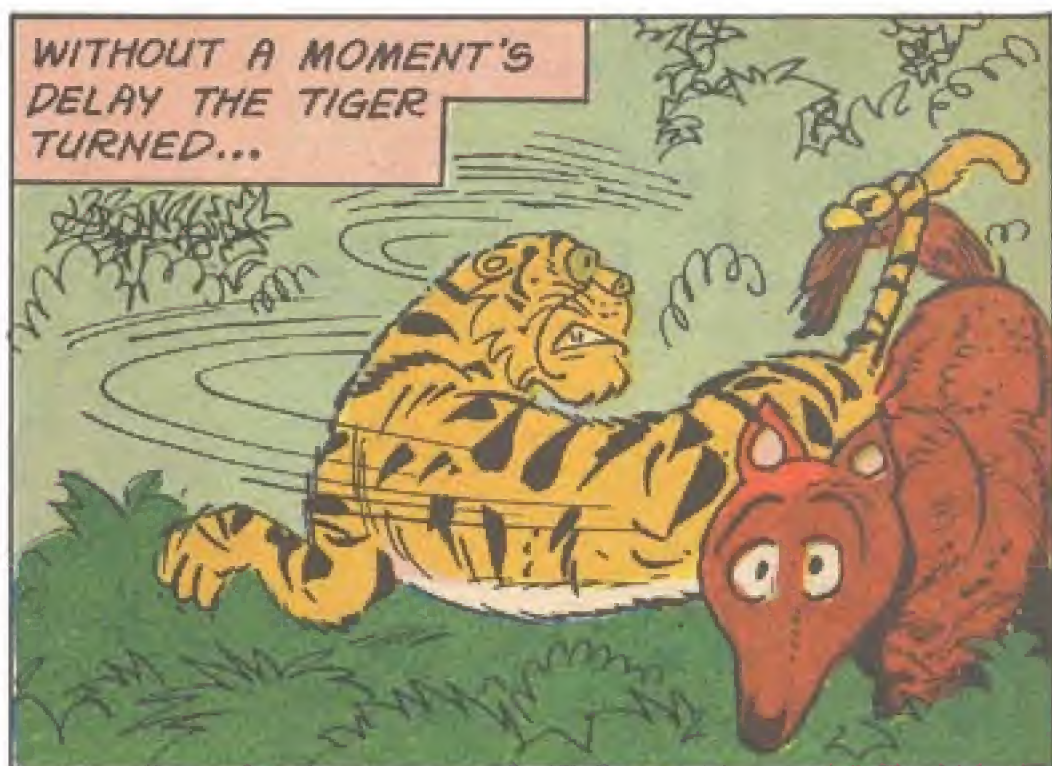
WHAT'S THAT JACKAL DOING WITH HIM? WAIT!



SHE WALKED UP TO THEM.

THANK YOU, FRIEND JACKAL. IT WAS KIND OF YOU TO BRING ME SUCH A FINE, FAT TIGER!





THE BEAR COMES TO DINNER

MUKHIA,
GET ME SOME
FIREWOOD!

A woman wearing a blue headscarf and a red top is shown in a state of distress, shouting. A speech bubble above her head contains the word "MUKHIA!". The background is a simple yellow wall with a dark doorway on the right.

MUKHIA!

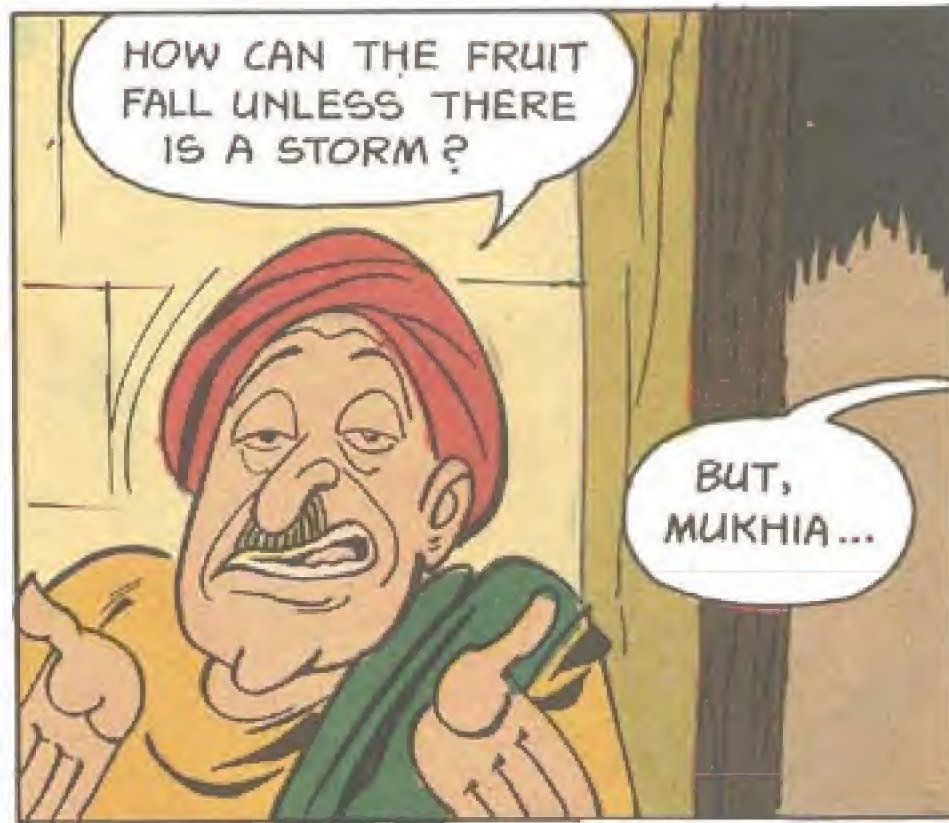
EHH...

A cartoon panel featuring two characters. On the left, a man with a large, prominent nose and a wide-eyed, questioning expression is shown in profile. He is wearing a light blue shirt. On the right, a woman with a red turban and a yellow sari is looking towards him with a slightly exasperated or busy expression. She has a mustache and is wearing a yellow sari with a black border. The background is a simple outdoor setting with a green bush and a brown wall. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the man asking "WHAT ARE YOU DOING?" and one from the woman replying "I AM BUSY...VERY BUSY...".

... PRAYING.

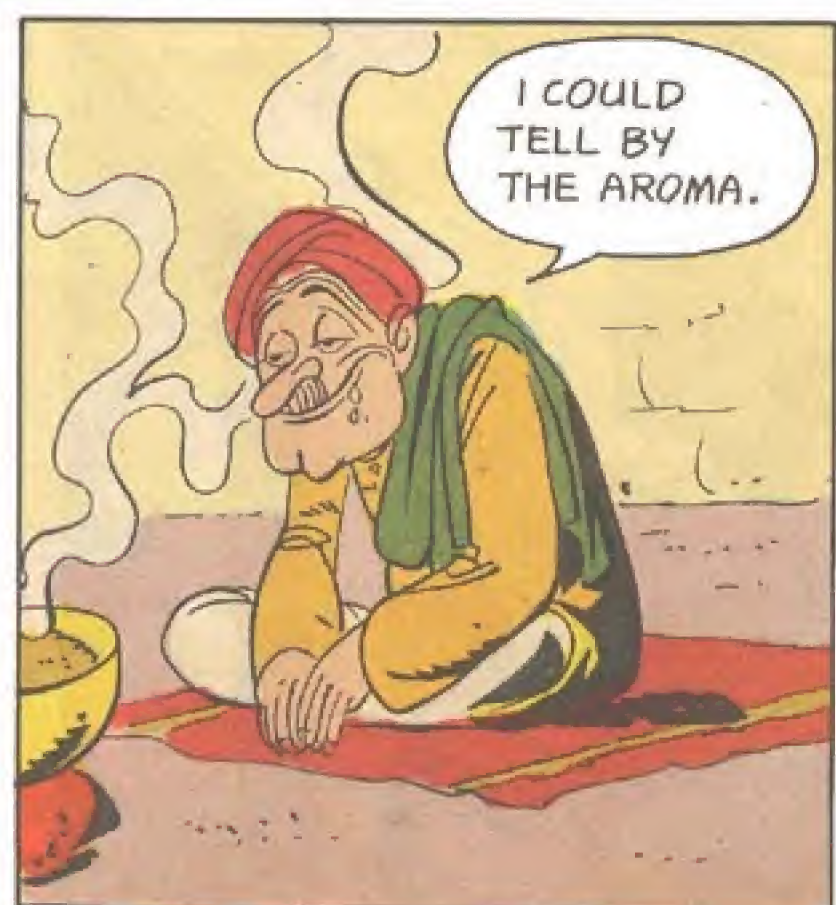
PRAYING?

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THEN WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE, MUKHIA WALKED TO THE FOREST.









WHEN MUKHIA WENT BACK HOME —

SO YOU ARE BACK
EMPTY-HANDED!
YOU WON'T...

HAVE
PATIENCE,
WOMAN,
PATIENCE.

MUKHIA TOLD HIS WIFE OF THE
BARGAIN HE HAD STRUCK WITH
THE BEAR.

YOU WILL BE
GETTING FIVE
HUNDRED KILOS
OF WOOD...

...THANKS TO THE
SHREWD BUSINESS
SENSE OF YOUR
HUSBAND.

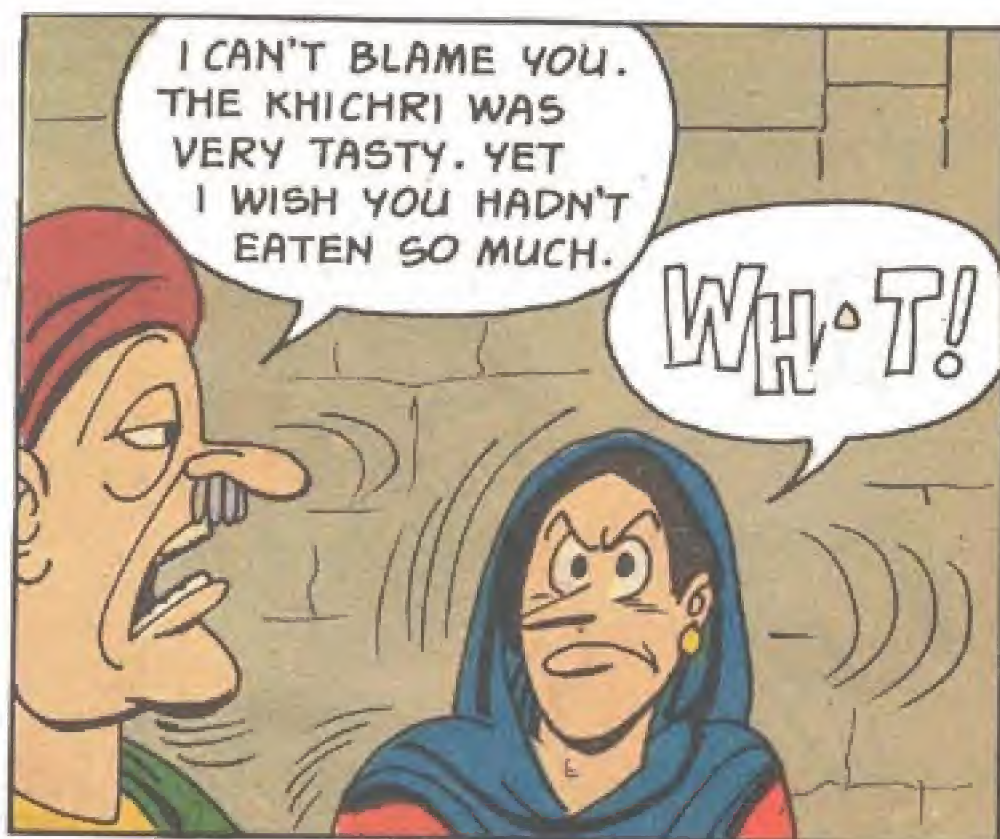
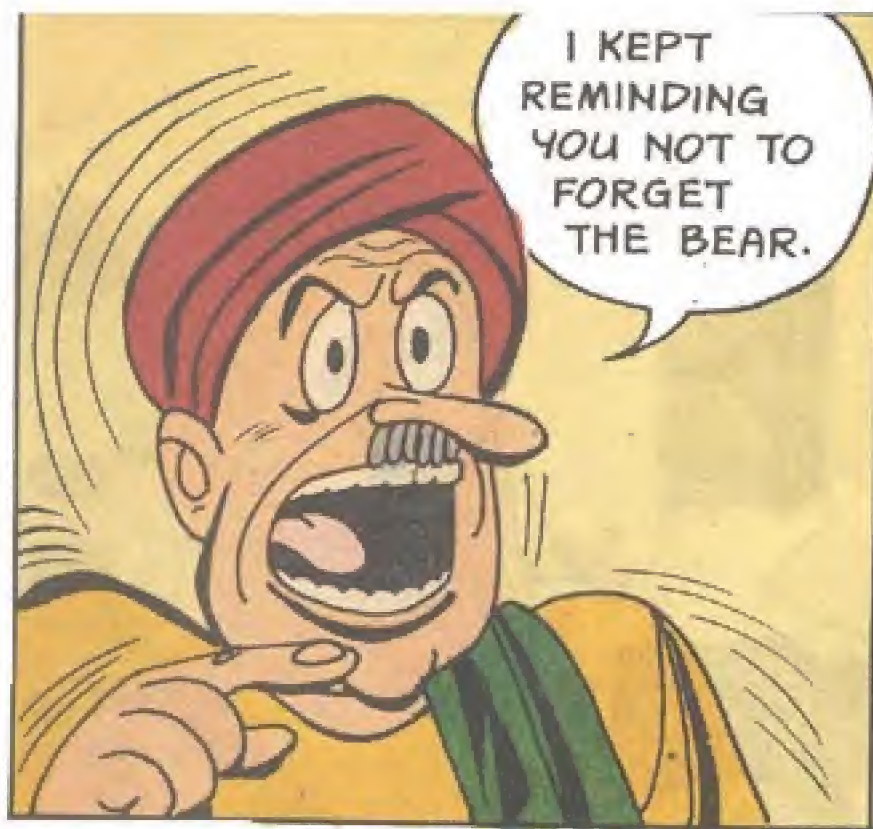
OH, YES. YOU
HAVE BEEN
CLEVER.
BUT...

...HAVE YOU TOLD
THE BEAR EXACTLY
HOW MUCH OF THE
KHICHRI HE WILL BE
GETTING?

THE BEAR IS A GLUTTON.
HE WILL GOBBLE UP ALL
THE KHICHRI BEFORE WE
HAVE FINISHED OUR
FIRST HELPING.







THE WOMAN DRAGGED HER HUSBAND WITH HER.



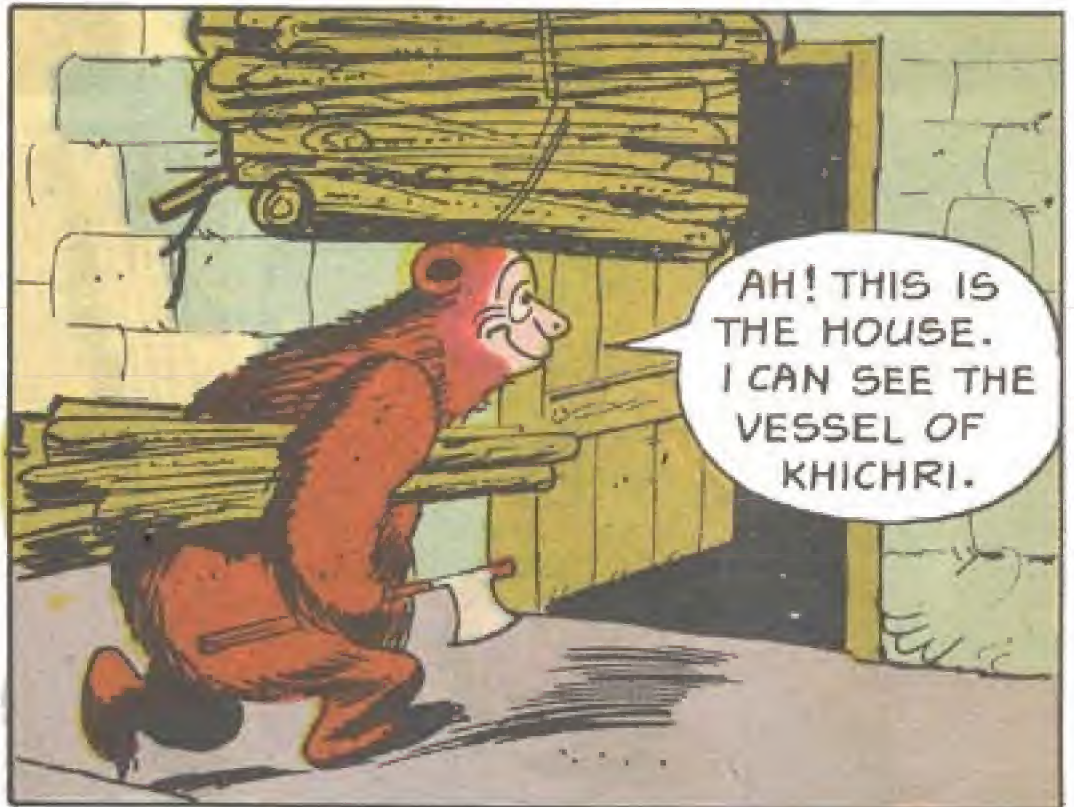
TO THE ATTIC.



JUST IN TIME! HE'S AT THE DOOR!



AH! THIS IS THE HOUSE. I CAN SEE THE VESSEL OF KHICHRI.



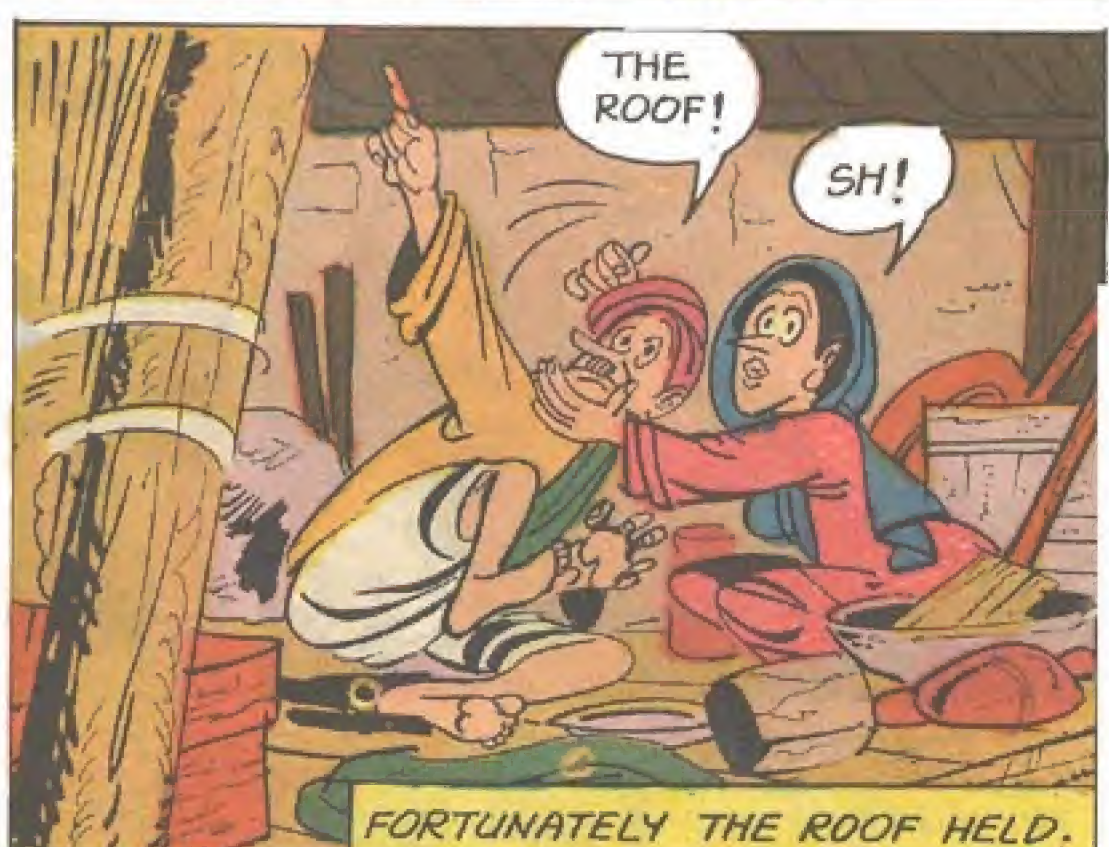
HE THREW DOWN THE LOAD...



...AND WALKED IN.

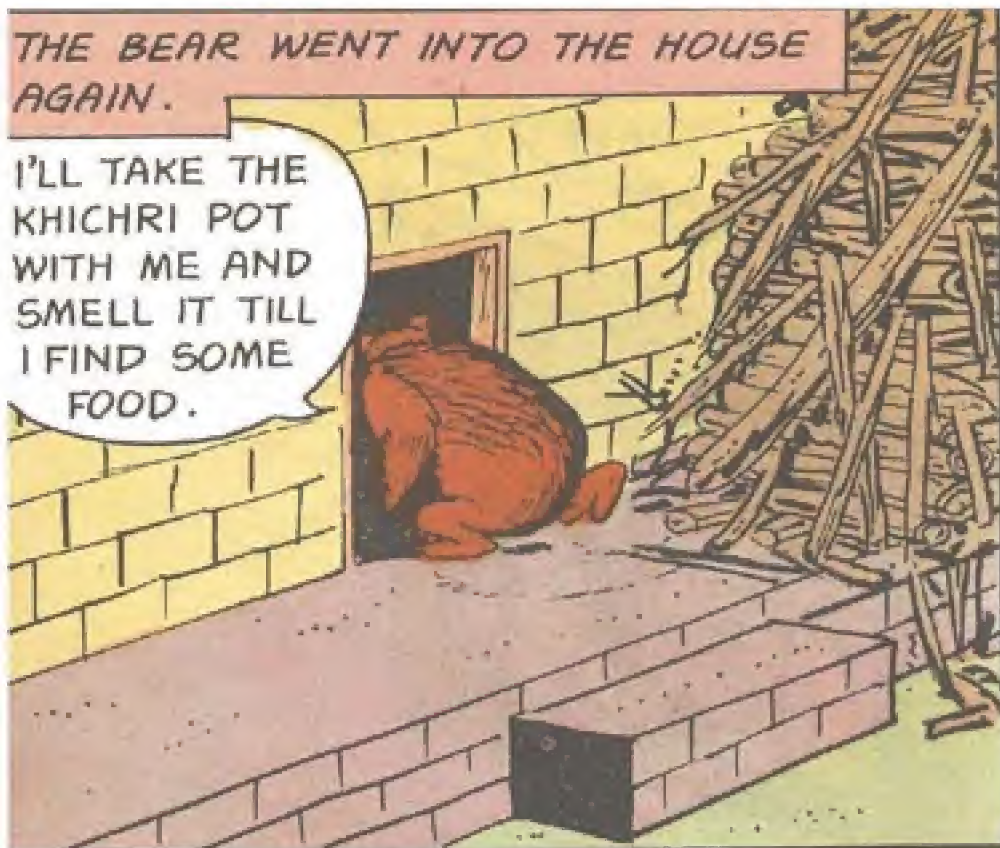
AH! THE KHICHRI AT LAST!





THE BEAR WENT INTO THE HOUSE AGAIN.

I'LL TAKE THE KHICHRI POT WITH ME AND SMELL IT TILL I FIND SOME FOOD.



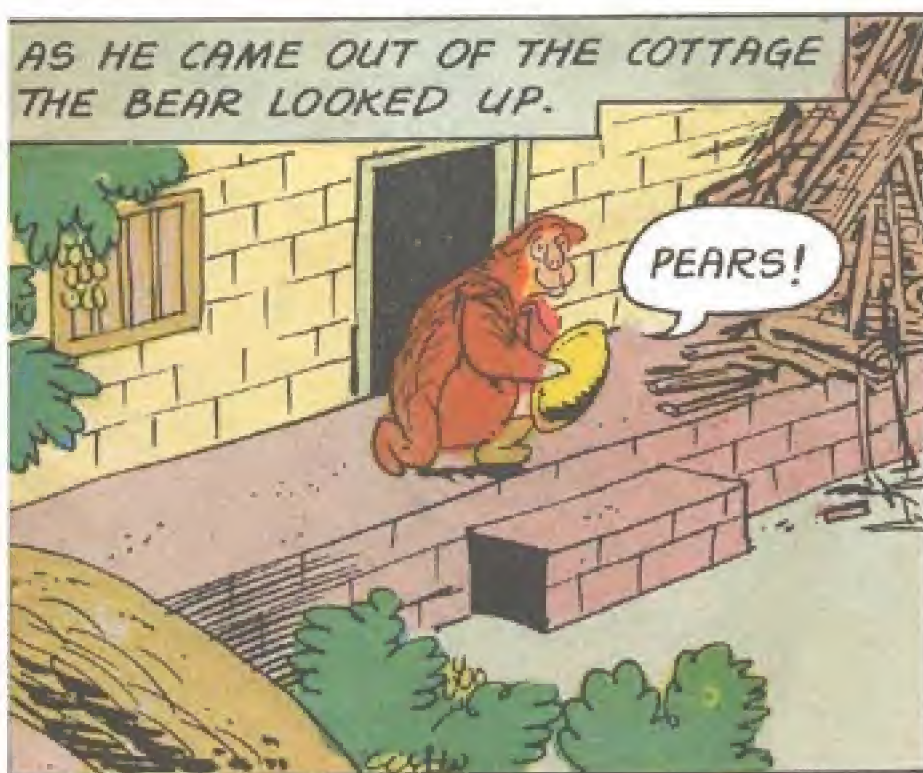
LOOK. HE'S GOING OUT...!

SHH...



AS HE CAME OUT OF THE COTTAGE THE BEAR LOOKED UP.

PEARS!



HE TOOK ONE GREAT LEAP...



...AND IN A FEW SECONDS WAS ON THE WALL.

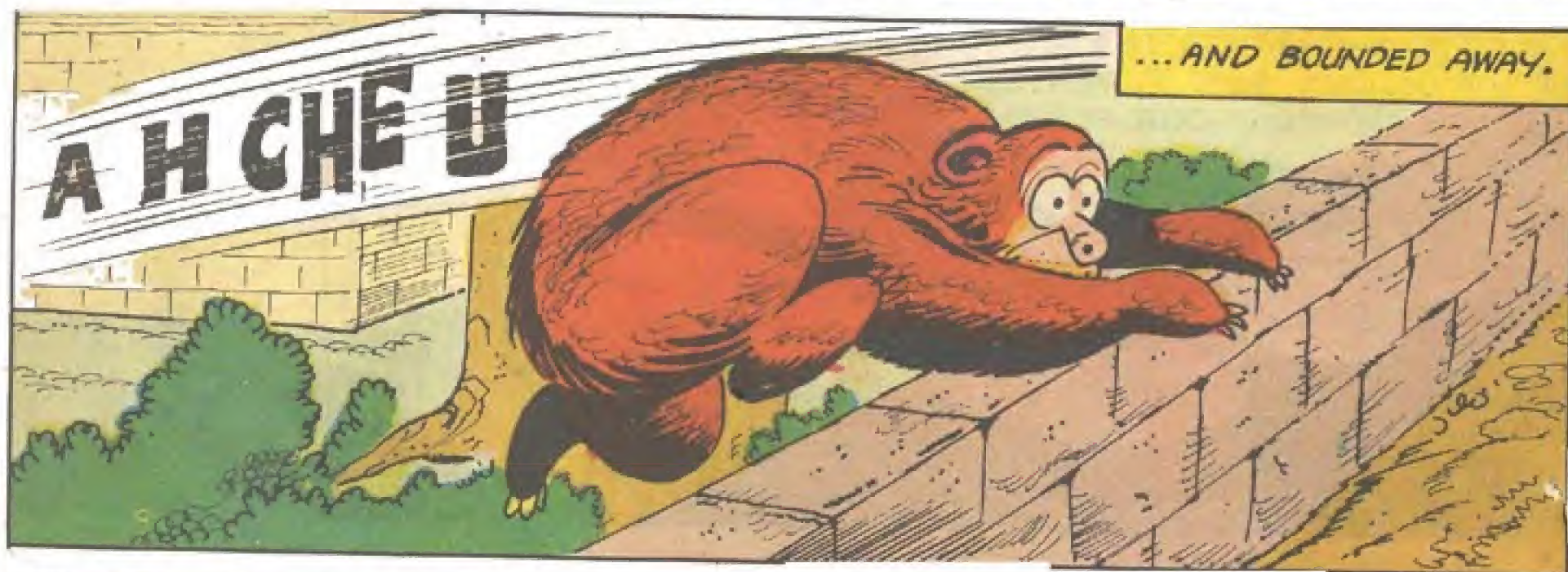


THE NEXT MINUTE HE WAS UP THE TREE.











The Kissan Range
Mixed fruit, pineapple,
strawberry, raspberry,
mango, apple, apricot.
Goldenmist orange
marmalade and
guava jelly

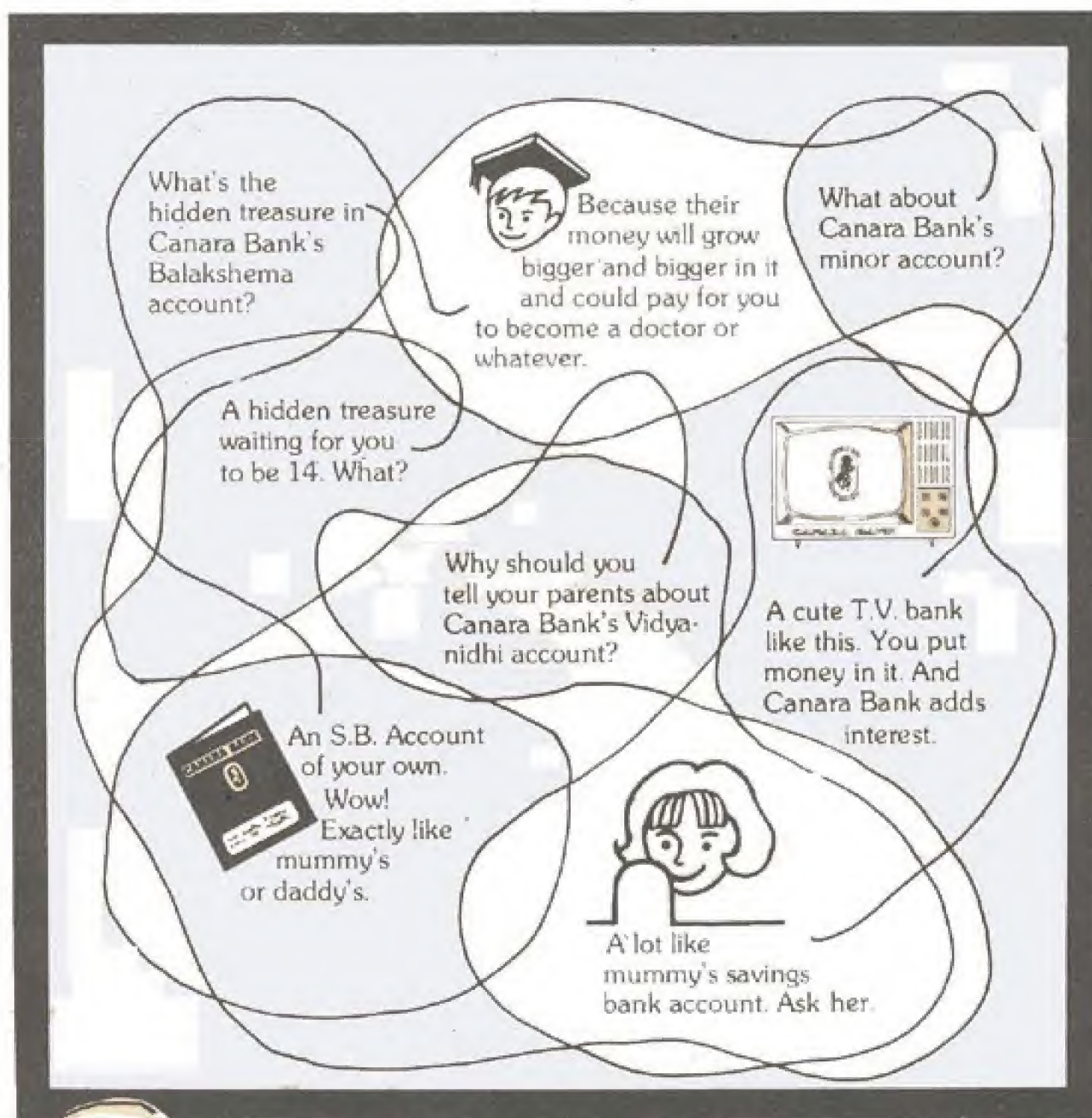


JAM GOOD

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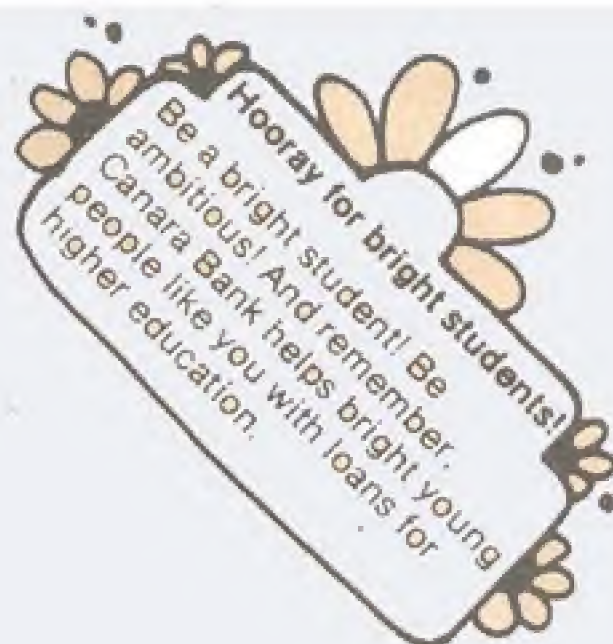


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Riddle me riddle me ree For mummy and daddy and me

Canbank's Nature Quiz

1. Why are moths attracted to lights?
2. Where do butterflies go when it rains?
3. Which bee doesn't have a sting – the worker bee, the queen bee, or the drone?
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1. They mistake lights for the light of the moon which they use as a means of navigation.
2. They settle on stems of flowers or stalks of grass, hanging head downwards with their wings folded together over their backs.
3. The drone.
4. There is a transparent layer of skin behind which is an oily layer of tissue which produces light by a chemical process, and a second layer which acts as a reflector.
5. Spiracles.

Answers:



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What are Dipy's jams made of?

Strawberries from Panchgani
Mangoes from Ratnagiri
Allahabad guavas, Trichur pineapples
Papayas from Dahanu
and Jalgaon bananas. All picked
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Marmalade and Guava Jelly.

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